

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, CA  
SUBJECT: HOW YA GONNA KEEP RENE DOWN ON THE FARM AFTER  
HE'S SEEN PAREE?

1. QUEBEC PREMIER RENE LEVESQUE MAY BE PLANNING TRIP TO  
AFRICA IN SPRING 1978, ACCORDING TO "STRONG RUMORS" REPORTED  
BY CBC ON THEIR FRENCH LANGUAGE CHANNEL NOV 13M LEVESQUE'S  
SAFARI ALLEGEDLY WILL TAKE HIM TO A NUMBER OF FRANCOPHONE  
COUNTRIES INCLUDING SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST. WHEN ASKED  
TO VERIFY RUMORS, LEVESQUE'S OFFICE REFUSED CONFIRM OR DENY  
STORY.

COMMENT: IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED HERE THAT GOQ ITSELF FLOATED  
RUMORS OF AFRICAN TOUR AS COUNTER TO RECENT OTTAWA "FRANCO-  
PHONE COMMONWEALTH" INITIATIVE. THE MORE CYNICAL OBSERVERS  
CLAIM SEE FINE HAND OF FRENCH DIPLOMACY BEHIND RUMORS.  
THEY REASON THAT FRENCH ARE NOT LIKELY TAKE KINDLY TO CANADIAN  
POACHING IN WHAT THEY CONSIDER THEIR AFRICAN CHASSE GARDEE.  
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PROMPTING LEVESQUE TO VISIT FRANCOPHONE AFRICA WITH BEHIND  
SCENE FRENCH DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT COULD BE EFFECTIVE MEANS  
OF DEALING HEAVY BLOW TO GOC PRESTIGE IN FRANCOPHONIA.  
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